

Notes from the President

General Motors Comes to Atlanta

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On Jan. 10, Georgia Tech's new Carbon Neutral Energy Solutions laboratory was the site of a press conference to [announce General Motors' Information Technology Innovation Center in Roswell](#). It is the third of four IT innovation centers that GM is creating throughout the U.S.

GM Vice President and Chief Information Officer Randy Mott said that the deep pool of technical expertise that exists in the Atlanta area was one of the main reasons GM chose to locate the center here. In the next three to five years, GM plans to employ 1,000 high tech workers at its new facility.

Among those on hand for the event was Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal. He highlighted the role of Georgia Tech as well as other area universities in helping to attract high tech businesses like the GM IT Innovation Center. He reiterated his goal of making Georgia the best state in the country to do business, and that educational institutions, like Georgia Tech, are instrumental in helping bring business and industry to the state. He complimented Georgia Tech, saying that when he visits other countries "most people are familiar with two things about Georgia: Coca-Cola and Georgia Tech."

For more than half a century, Georgia Tech and GM have partnered in everything from research projects to student innovation competitions. We look forward to even greater collaborations, as well as exciting career opportunities for University System graduates at GM's newest innovation center here in metro Atlanta. Georgia Tech is committed to working with industry to support their research and innovation goals. We are equally committed to working with the state to continue to attract and retain business and industry, creating jobs and growing our economy.

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